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- e) each strut including a leg portion that extends well below the burner element.

57.(Amended) A cooking apparatus, comprising:

- a) a frame having a base for engaging an underlying support surface;
- b) a pot supported by the frame during use and having a side wall, a bottom and an open top;
- c) a burner element for generating a high intensity flame for use in cooking;
- d) a supply hose for supplying pressurized fuel gas to the burner;
- e) the burner frame including a plurality of struts, each strut including generally vertical and generally horizontal strut portions, each vertical strut portion extending upwardly along a generally vertical path that is generally parallel to the pot side wall and each horizontal strut portion extending horizontally to engage the pot bottom; and
- f) wherein each strut includes an inclined section.

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REMARKS

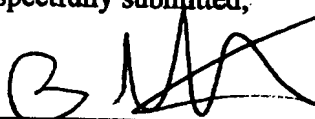
The claims have been amended to remove potential antecedent basis issues. No new matter has been added to the application.

Applicant respectfully petitions the Commissioner for any extension of time necessary to render this amendment timely filed.

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